



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held March 8, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“For a number of years, County citizens have expressed a strong desire to establish a friendship relationship with a region or province in the Republic of Italy.

“The Board instructed Sandra J. Ausman, Chief of Protocol, to explore the possibility of establishing such a relationship and recommend to the Board a suitable Italian region or province.

“After consulting with, among many others, the Honorable Diego Brasioli, Consul General of Italy in Los Angeles, and Mr. Joseph L. Ventress, a prominent Los Angeles County lawyer, Mrs. Ausman recommends that the County of Los Angeles enter into a friendship relationship with Lazio Region, Republic of Italy.

“The Honorable Francesco Storace, President, Lazio Region, Italy, has confirmed an interest in entering into a friendship relationship with the County of Los Angeles. President Storace drafted and has submitted to Los Angeles County for consideration a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two regions. The proposed MOU confirms that both regions intend to encourage and facilitate bilateral business/trade contacts and cooperation, tourism, and trade missions.

“The Chief of Protocol has reviewed and the County Counsel has approved as to form the proposed MOU.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Agreed to enter into a friendship relationship with Lazio Region, Republic of Italy, and to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be submitted by President Francesco Storace of Lazio Region;
2. Instructed the Chief of Protocol to establish and provide staff support to a committee, to be chaired by Joseph L. Ventress, to work with the International Trade Division of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce to encourage and facilitate business/trade contracts and cooperation, tourism and trade missions between the County of Los Angeles and Lazio Region, and to raise private funding for and manage all projects and activities required to fulfill the obligations of the MOU between the County of Los Angeles and Lazio Region; and to invite individuals who represent diverse fields, disciplines and endeavors to serve on the committee.

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